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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were trending unchanged for next week's trading. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand entering the weekend had increased in some areas, but was still light to moderate, often good for fast food and retail ads. Supplies were mixed with an occasional plant close balanced, but most locations were sufficient to ample for wogs. In the parts structure, wings were well cleared to tight with continuous good movement. The remaining items were at least sufficient with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy.

<u>Preliminary report</u> of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 01/08-01/13/01 (cents per lb)

| | | COMPOSIT | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| (Incl | uding branded pr | WTD | | | | | |
| <u>AREAS</u> | MAJORITY | RANGE | <u>AVG</u> | LOADS | | | |
| Chicago | 49.00-53.00 | 45.00-64.00 | 51.29 | 24 | | | |
| Los Angeles | 66.00 | | | | | | |
| New York | 48.00-50.00 | | | | | | |
| Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent | | | | | | | |

Mississippi 58.00-61.00 48.00-64.00 61.12 85

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on icepacked USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRERELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

| <u>LOADS</u> | <u>RANGE</u> | PRELIM. WTD. AVG. |
|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 617 | 58.50-62.75 | 61.41 |

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on

| ice packed p | arts: V | VTD. AVG. | VOLUME | |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|---|
| <u>ITEM</u> | (CENTS | S PER POUND) | (000 POUNDS) | Į |
| BREASTS - E | 3/S | 128.50 | 4,517 | |
| BREASTS - V | VHOLE | 59.00 | 1,080 | |
| THIGH MEAT | - B/S | 81.00 | 735 | |
| LEG QUART | ERS | 23.50 | 8,296 | |
| WINGS | | 87.50 | 2,824 | |
| | | | | |

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority into Chicago for next week's deliveries was unchanged form last Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings of additional whole birds were light, Wogs mixed, mostly ample. Movement into retail and food service channels was more typical of weekend demand, light to moderate, instances good noted into some food service accounts. Floor stocks were adequate with weights desirable to heavier than desired. Parts trading remained limited with supplies of wings well cleared, whole breasts adequate and all other items fully adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, steady on whole breasts and cautiously steady on the balance of items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair at best ending the week as dealers remained cautious and selective. Offerings of all sizes were usually adequate to occasionally balanced. The market tone was steady. Movement through retail and distributive channels ranged light to no better than fair with little optimism noted entering the weekend. In the parts complex, offerings of bone-in breasts were out adequate to balanced, and boneless-skinless breasts were more than sufficient. Wings remained the best item and were no more than adequate to tight. The balance of parts were readily available.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices unchanged with trading for next week's deliveries at generally unchanged to slightly lower prices. Offerings fully adequate overall with heavy weights in the longest position. Surplus product was often discounted but slow to clear. Buying activity was fair. Demand was good overall, best to cover features. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Wings were firm, bone-in breasts started to show some strength, leg quarters barely steady. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body twin pack 88, whole cut-up 79, whole body 58-89, leg quarters (10# bag) 390, whole legs 129, thighs 69-129, drumsticks 69-129 (5# bag 248-268), wings 129, drumettes 258, split breasts 99-288, boneless breasts 179-468 (IQF bag - 40 oz 839 and 3# 599), cornish hens twin pack 168; Northern California - whole body 65-97, whole legs 109, drumsticks 77-109, thighs 77-109, wings 109 (IQF bag 2.5# 399), split breasts 139-199, boneless breasts 188, (boneless thighs IQF bag 4# 699), cornish hens twin pack 168; Denver - leg quarters 29, drumsticks 49-69, split breasts 99, boneless breasts 179-399 (IQF bag 3# 497-498); Arizona - whole body 69-119, drumsticks 99-129, thighs 99-129, wings 109, drumettes 199, split breats 79-229, boneless breasts 187-

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was light to moderate with limited trading. Supplies were usually sufficient, more available for wogs. In the parts structure, bone-in breasts and fronts received increased inquiries and were better balanced. Wings continued to have a strong enough demand to keep supplies well cleared, and dark meat was at least adequate with light movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly entering the weekend but remained no better than fair and disappointing in some quarters. Seller offerings varied by both size and volume, and while tight at some plants, others reduced premiums to gain satisfactory clearances. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were very heavy when combined with operations planned on Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, wings remained tight. Other cuts were at least adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

| | 1/ 11 \ V / 1. | DIVANDED G.G. GIV |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------|
| RANGE | | 46-64 |
| WEIGHTED AVER | RAGE | 54.28 |
| NO. OF BOXES | | 15,428 |
| CUMULATIVE | 01/01/01-01/05/0 | 1 53.79 |
| | 01/03/00-01/07/0 | 0 57.85 |
| NO. OF BOXES | 01/01/01-01/05/0 | 1 54,760 |
| | 01/03/00-01/07/0 | 0 49,236 |

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,

| JANUARY 04, 2001 | | SO | UTHERN STA | TES BRO | LER/FRYE | R PARTS | | JANU | JARY 05 | 2001 |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|---------|----------------|
| | POUNDS | | | WTD | POUNDS | } | | | WEEK | LY |
| <u>ITEM</u> | <u>(000)</u> | RANGE | MAJORITY | <u>AVG</u> | (000) | RANGE | <u>MAJORITY</u> | WTD AVG | (000) | WTD AVG |
| BREAST - B/S | 903 10 | 5.00-175.00 | 125-132 | 126.47 | 928 | 104.00-175.00 | 125-135 | 126.53 | 3,416 | 127.36 |
| TENDERLOINS | 166 13 | 5.00-195.00 | 135-140 | 146.21 | 180 | 135.00-195.00 | 135-140 | 149.51 | 657 | 148.36 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | TO | O FEW TO RE | PORT | | 80 | 55.00-63.00 | 57-59 | 56.82 | 324 | 57.69 |
| FRONT HALVES | TO | O FEW TO RE | PORT | | TC | O FEW TO REP | ORT | | 400 | 42.38 |
| LEGS | 166 | 27.00-44.00 | 28-30 | 28.34 | 166 | 27.00-44.00 | 28-29 | 28.34 | 544 | 28.62 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 469 | 16.00-19.00 | 17-18 | 17.04 | 429 | 16.00-19.00 | 17-19 | 16.86 | 1,388 | 16.97 |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 1,693 | 18.50-25.00 | 21-23 | 21.21 | 1,933 | 18.50-25.00 | 20-22 | 21.62 | 6,784 | 21.45 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 310 | 84.00-87.00 | 85-87 | 85.91 | 270 | 86.00-87.00 | - | 86.19 | 1,111 | 85.92 |
| WINGS (CUT) | 628 8 | 37.00-116.00 | 99-101 | 102.86 | 653 | 87.00-116.00 | 99-102 | 103.11 | 2,414 | 102.06 |
| DRUMSTICKS | TO | O FEW TO RE | PORT | | TC | O FEW TO REP | ORT | | 65 | 39.68 |
| THIGHS | TO | O FEW TO RE | PORT | | TC | O FEW TO REP | ORT | | 62 | 30.42 |
| B/S THIGHS | TO | O FEW TO RE | PORT | | TC | O FEW TO REP | ORT | | 130 | 78.41 |
| WHOLE BODY INDEX BA | SED ON | SOUTHERN'S | TATES PART | TS******* | WĦŎĹĔ | BODY INDEX BA | ÄSÉĎÖŇŠČ | ÖÜTHERN'ST | *ÁŤĚŠŤ | ÄŘŤŠ***** |
| TRADING FOR JAN 04, 2 | 001 F.O.E | B. DOCK. | TODAY'S | | TRADIN | G FOR JAN 05, 2 | :001 F.O.B. [| DOCK. TOD | AY'S | 5-DAY |
| <u>R</u> | ANGE | | AVERAGE | | 1 | | <u>RANGE</u> | AVE | RAGE | <u>AVERAGE</u> |
| 28.00 - | 33.00 | | 30.32 | | | 27.5 | 0 - 32.00 | 2 | 29.53 | 29.80 |

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest increased slightly entering the weekend but was generally rated as no better than moderate and typical of end of the week activity. Offerings of bone-in breasts were usually adequate to balanced, and boneless-skin-

less breasts were at least sufficient. Wings continued to see active interest keeping product well cleared. Dark meat cuts ranged adequate to fully adequate. Movement into retail and distributive channels was about fair. The market tone was steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

JAN 05, 2001

JAN 04, 2001 **CURRENT NEG WTD CURRENT NEG** WTD **WEEKLY TRADING*** AVG** **VOL/LBS ITEM TRADING*** AVG** VOL/LBS WTD AVG VOL/LBS **BREAST - B/S** 115-120 120.58 637,840 115-120 117.19 744,720 120.11 2,606,040 **TENDERLOINS** 130-135 135.16 108,120 130-135 133.75 133,520 134.53 532,770 47-48 **BREAST - WITH RIBS** 53.66 297,600 47-48 324,360 55.21 54.07 1,219,080 **BREAST - LINE RUN** 47 48.98 188,000 47 49.81 208,800 48.57 738,800 LEGS 33-34 35.83 240,200 33-34 35.40 306,760 35.90 962,480 LEG QUARTERS (BULK) 20-21 20.20 627,039 20.55 611,891 20.33 2,639,292 20-21 DRUMSTICKS 26-27 32.89 218,030 26-27 33.04 243,990 32.77 934,280 **THIGHS** 30-31 31.52 204.030 30-31 34.80 191.320 32.00 892.980 **B/S THIGHS** 78-79 82.96 63,200 78-79 82.77 61,080 83.14 233,250 WINGS (WHOLE) 88-89 96.49 420,490 95.96 88-89 97.07 350,950 1,520,590 BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) 10-12 12.05 103,720 12.03 12.03 413,920 10-12 104,680 LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) 35-40 39.56 137,080 111,280 35-40 39.85 39.64 444,265 65-70 69.97 150,000 GIZZARDS (HEARTS) 65-70 69.99 126,000 69.84 568,350 INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

(Last week 116,494,000 Last year 155,587,000)

| | AVG AVG I | | | | | 3 | DELIVERED TO RETAILE | RS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| | <u>ESTIN</u> | MATED | AC | <u> TUAL</u> | <u>WT</u> | <u>s</u> | <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>WTS</u> | (L.A. AREA) | |
| | 01/05 | 5 01/04 | 01/03 | 01/02 | 01/03 | 01/02 | 2 12/29 | 12/27 | | RANGE |
| ALA | 4,859 | 3,929 | 3,863 | 2,491 | 5.12 | 5.27 | 4,692 | 5.14 | FRESH FRYERS | 81-84 |
| ARK | 8,400 | 5,183 | 5,001 | 4,227 | 5.18 | 5.26 | 7,294 | 5.47 | ROASTERS 4# & UP | 71-93 |
| DELMARVA | 1 2,964 | 2,356 | 2,389 | 2,316 | 5.02 | 4.98 | 2,774 | 4.99 | HENS UNDER 5# | |
| KY-LA-TN | 2,062 | 1,989 | 1,968 | 1,926 | 4.55 | 4.49 | 2,289 | 4.60 | HENS OVER 5# | 81 |
| MISS | 2,557 | 2,621 | 2,607 | 2,151 | 5.06 | 5.09 | 3,491 | 5.17 | DUCKS | 139 |
| NC | 3,321 | 2,620 | 2,542 | 2,496 | 5.86 | 6.01 | 3,604 | 6.01 | RABBITS-WHOLE | 294 |
| TEXAS | 2,576 | 2,318 | 2,362 | 2,337 | 4.96 | 4.99 | 4,010 | 5.01 | RABBITS-CUT UP | 299 |
| | , | , | 20,732 | 17,944 | 5.13 | 5.18 | 28,154 | 5.20 | SAN FRANCISCO PROCE | SSED POLII TRY |
| MON-FRI | , , | , | | | | | 77,767(| , | | RANTS AND INSTITUTIONS |
| (A) Weekly | cumula c | tive for | states lis | ted abov | /e. Bro | iler-fry | er slaug | hter | DELIVERED TO REGIACI | RANGE |
| under fede | | | | | | | , | , | FRESH FRYERS | DRY PACK103-106 |
| up 28.33 p | ercent f | rom a w | eek ago | and up 1 | 12.6 pe | rcent f | rom a ye | ear | TRESTITITE | ICE PACK 93-96 |
| ago. | | | | | | | | | ROASTERS 4# & UP | ICE PACK105-112 |
| (Last week31,173,000; last year 35,515,000) | | | | | | | Nonoteno 4# a of | DRY PACK112-119 | | |
| Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 06-Jan-01 is estimated to be 126,060,000 head up 8.2 | | | | | | HENS OVER 5# | ICE PACK 98 | | | |
| | | | | | | TIENO OVERVOIT | DRY PACK 94 | | | |
| percent from a week ago, and down 19.0 percent from a year ago | | | | | DUCKS | 152-166 | | | | |

<u>YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED</u> Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Dec 23, 2000 (Preliminary),

| (A) Fast food/ | (B) Retail | (C) Deboning | | | | |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|--|
| Food service | | | | | | |
| 4.20 Lbs & dov | vn 4.21-5.25 Lbs | s 5.26 Lbs & Up | | | | |
| THOUSANDS | | | | | | |
| 24.254 | 21.621 | 25.187 | | | | |

| | 4.20 LDS & GOWII | 4.21-3.23 LDS | 3.26 LDS & UP |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| _ | TH(| OUSANDS | |
| Head | 24,254 | 21,621 | 25,187 |
| Avg Weight | 3.74 | 4.72 | 6.05 |
| % of total /1 | 34% | 30% | 35% |
| COMPARISONS | | | |
| Last week | 21,441 | 16,824 | 32,773 |
| Avg Weight | 3.74 | 4.76 | 6.31 |
| % of total /1 | 30% | 24% | 46% |
| Same week, yr a | go /2 23,672 | 18,799 | 23,907 |
| Avg Weight | 3.77 | 4.81 | 6.20 |
| % of total /1 | 36% | 28% | 36% |
| 2000 | 1,646,591 | 1,643,082 | 2,047,819 |
| 1999 | 1,605,968 | 1,555,193 | 2,050,839 |
| | | | |

- /1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.
- /2 Comparable week.
- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 30-Dec-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

| | YOUNG | LIGHT | HEAVY | TOTAL | | |
|--------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--|
| | CHICKENS | HENS | HENS | HENS | DUCKS | |
| | | -THOUS | SANDS- | | | |
| HEAD | 116,494 (A |) 1,359 | 719 | 2,078 | 383 | |
| AVG WT | 4.87 | 3.99 | 8.19 | 5.44 | 6.69 | |
| LAST WEEK | 148,274 | 1,364 | 1,176 | 2,540 | 545 | |
| YR AGO | 127,584 | 1,596 | 980 | 2,576 | 333 | |
| AVG WT | 4.89 | 3.42 | 6.98 | 4.77 | 6.65 | |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 7,936,807 | 97,001 | 73,682 | 170,683 | 23,579 | |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 7,786,836 | 106,770 | 073,747 | 180,517 | 22,898 | |
| (A) The 1: 1 | | , | | | | |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 137.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 117.9 million head or 19.2 million head less than or 86 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JAN 02, 2001

| | RAN | GE | | RANGE |
|------------------------|--------|---------|----------------|------------------|
| Muscovy Ducks - Drakes | .30 - | .94 | Silkies | 4.00 - 4.75ea. |
| Muscovy Ducks - Hens | .15 - | .62 | Geese 9-14 L | BS .2032 |
| Pekin Ducks | .30 - | .44 | Pigeons | 2.00 - 2.50ea. |
| Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS | .40 - | .54 | White Pigeon | s 3.00 - 3.25ea. |
| Red Fowl 5-6 LBS | .50 - | .72 | Rabbits 4-6 L | BS1.00 - 1.32 |
| Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS | .50 - | .86 | Rabbits 7-11 | LBS.90 - 1.10 |
| Guinea Fowl | 1.25 - | | Bunnies | 1.50 - 7.00ea. |
| Banty Roosters | 2.50 - | 6.00ea. | Guinea Pigs | .05 - 1.75ea. |
| Banty Hens | 2.00 - | 3.50ea. | Goats | 43.00 -61.00ea. |
| Leghorn Hens | .14 - | .22 | Doves | 3.00 - 5.75ea. |
| Leghorn Roosters | .30 - | .44 | Pullets 4-6 LE | 3S .6074 |
| Crossbred Roosters 4-6 | LBS | .50 -1. | 04 | |
| Crossbred Roosters 7-1 | 1 LBS | .60 -1. | 10 | |

Total Coops Sold 532

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 01-JAN-2001 **DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

| ORIGIN | FROZEN | FRESH |
|-------------|---------|---------|
| LONG ISLAND | 137 | 143 |
| MOSTLY | | |
| | | |
| MIDWEST | 122-126 | 123-127 |
| MOSTLY | 122-124 | 123-125 |
| | .== .=. | .=0 .=0 |

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGEICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)

MOSTLY
66-67

VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) 65-85 73-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ. 60.48-69.66 14 OZ. 66.96-76.14 16 OZ. 73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

<u>CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS</u> Prices were not changed. Market tone steady. Demand was mostly good. Sizes were in the desirable range. Slaughter schedules were full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.35, boneless legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.45-1.70, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, and leg quarters at \$1.15-1.28, livers at \$1.25-1.50.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 01-JAN-2001

| ORIGIN | FROZEN | FRESH |
|--------------------|---------|-------|
| MIDWEST AND OTHERS | 121-123 | 124 |
| MOSTLY | | |

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

| | MILLION HEAD | | MILLION HEAD | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|-----|---------------|
| WEEK ENDING | | SLAUGHTERED | AVAILABLE | PCT | AVG WT |
| NOVEMBER | 25 | 112.9 | 143.2 | 79 | 5.20 |
| DECEMBER | 2 | 148.1 | 145.6 | 102 | 4.93 |
| | 9 | 153.6 | 148.2 | 104 | 5.17 |
| | 16 | 150.3 | 146.1 | 103 | 5.18 |
| | 23 | 150.1 | 141.3 | 106 | 5.14 |
| | 30 | 117.9 | 137.1 | 86 | 4.87 |
| YEAR TO DAT | Έ | 8035.6 | 7907.8 | 102 | |
| JANUARY | 6 | | 139.4 | | |
| | 13 | | 147 6 | | |

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

| DIVOILLIVEATTEL/HOG WELKET ESTIMATED SEAGGITEK | | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| THOUSANDS | | | | | |
| W/E | <u>01/06/01</u> | 12/30/00 | <u>% CHG</u> | 01/08/00 | <u>% CHG</u> |
| W/E Broilers Cattle Hogs | 126,060 | 116,494* | +08 | 155,587* | -19 |
| Cattle | 578 | 560 | +03 | 681* | -15 |
| Hogs | 1,696 | 1,646 | +03 | 1,910* | -11 |
| Under Federal Inspection | | | | | |
| * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * | | | | | |

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were unchanged to occasionally lower on light canners. However, values were irregular but usually unchanged to slightly higher on heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Trading improved over a week earlier but still only moderate. Demand was light to good with best interest on short to adequate offerings of heavy canners. Undertone was steady on lights and fully steady on heavies.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)

21-24 MAJORITY 33.5-37.5 MAJORITY 34-37.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

25-26 MAJORITY

HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)
36-39 MAJORITY

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Processors were unaggressive as offerings increased and were usually more than sufficient for needs. Demand for finished product was still clearing available supplies. The undertone was steady.

<u>SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN</u> Trading was too few to report. Demand was light to moderate at best for fully adequate offerings of light hens. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was weak.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for current slaughter needs. Demand was only fair. Slaughter schedules returning to fulltime next week. Trade sentiment steady.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

| | HEAVY | RANGE | <u>MAJORII Y</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Southeast Heavy | | TFEWR (1) | |
| Southeast Heavy | | TFEWR (2) | |
| f.o.b. plant | | TFEWR | |
| South Central Heavy | | TFEWR (1) | |
| | <u>LIGHT</u> | RANGE | MAJORITY |
| | Eastern Light | 0 (1) | |
| | Eastern Light | 0 (2) | |
| | So. Central Light | TFEWR (2) | |
| | No. Central Light | TFEWR (1) | |
| | No. Central Light | 025 (2) | |
| | (1) Buyer Loading | (2) Producer Loading | |
| | | | |

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

<u>SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN</u> Sales were too few to report prices. Demand ranged from light to moderate for irregular but adequate offering. Processing plants were on normal schedules. Floor stocks of finished product were clearing and ranged from about adequate to short of trade requirements. The market tone was fully steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for no better than adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

<u>WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN</u> Plants worked heavy schedules for a holiday week. Offerings ample

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